GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
LOK SABHA

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POLICY ON WIND ENERGY
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Wind Power Association has urged the Union Government to come out with a policy on wind energy;

(b) if so, whether the 7th annual general body meeting of the Chennai-based Association was held in Bangalore and resolved to appeal the Ministry to formulate wind energy policy to give a fillip up to wind energy generation in the country;

(c) if so, whether the Government has considered the suggestions made by them; and

(d) if so, the time by which the Government is likely to frame wind energy policy?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a): Government has been receiving suggestions from various wind energy associations, including the Indian Wind Power Association regarding further concessions/ benefits for wind power sector. On the basis of the existing concessions and benefits in terms of concessional customs duty, accelerated depreciation, excise duty benefits and preferential prices for wind power in many States the installed capacity has already exceeded 2000 MW and the growth of the wind sector has been satisfactory.

(b): No such resolution has been received by Government from the Indian Wind Power Association.

(c)&(d): Does not arise.